

REMARKS

Responsive to the requirement for restriction, applicants elect Group II, claims 3-15, drawn to a mineral wool blanket or mat, with traverse.

It is not believed that the requirement for restriction can properly be repeated, for the following reasons:

1. Following the method features of claim 1, a mineral wool product is formed with the features of claim 3. This is because the inverting of the first blanket section and the depositing of this blanket section on top of the second blanket section, inevitably produces the symmetrical properties recited in claim 3. Thus, claims 1 and 3 are not properly divisible from each other.

2. New claim 15 is a linking claim, drawn to the product but exactly co-extensive in scope with claim 1.

3. There is thus not even one-way distinctness between claims 1, 3 and 15, much less two-way distinctness.

4. The method of claim 1 cannot produce a product other than that of claims 3 and 15.

5. The product of claims 3 and 15 cannot be produced by a method other than that of claim 1.

6. Separate classification is no evidence of the propriety of a requirement for restriction. Classification is solely for the convenience of the Patent Office and the searching public and cannot affect applicants' rights in any way.

Accordingly, it is believed that this application is in condition for examination as to all of the claims, and such is respectfully requested.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 25-0120 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17.

Respectfully submitted,

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